

STATUS OF APPLICATION PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-24 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 16-17, 19, 21 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,739,758).

Claims 5, 12-14 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,739,758) in view of Gau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,084,061).

Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,739,758) in view of Garren et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,899,747).

Claims 15, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,739,758) in view of Paganon (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0135829).